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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: WRAPUP OF FOURTH
JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 235276

1. OVERALL RESULTS:

OCTOBER 28-30 FOURTH JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING CHAIRED BY EPA
ADMINISTRATOR RUSSELL E. TRAIN AND ACADEMICIAN YURI A. IZRAEL
IN WASHINGTON WAS MOST SUCCESSFUL AND PRODUCTIVE TO DATE.
RAPPORT WHICH HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN US AND SOVIET COUNTERPARTS
AND THE PREPARATORY HOMEWORK WHICH HAD BEEN DONE CONTRIBUTED
TO EFFICIENT CONDUCT OF PROCEEDINGS WITH MINIMAL SOVIET HAGGLING
OVER US DRAFTS OF REPORT OF PAST YEAR'S ACTIVITIES AND MEMORANDUM
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OF IMPLEMENTATION FOR NEXT YEAR.

2. SOVIET PRESSURE FOR CONCRETE RESULTS:

IN PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN TRAIN/IZRAEL/BROWN/KAZAKOV AND IN NEGOTIATING LANGUAGE OF JOINT COMMITTEE DOCUMENTS THERE WAS CLEAR EVIDENCE OF SOVIET DESIRE TO DOCUMENT SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS, ESPECIALLY IN SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL PROJECTS, AND TO DELETE FROM OUR DRAFTS SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO SPOTTY RESULTS UNDER INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS. KAZAKOV TOLD BROWN THAT IZRAEL MUST SOON MAKE A COMPREHENSIVE REPORT ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT ACTIVITIES TO THE STATE COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY. V.G. SOKOLOVSKIY, HEAD OF SCST OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WND

ATIONAL USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES, HAS BEEN ON SOVDEL FOR ALL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS. THIS YEAR HE SPECIALLY REQUESTED AND RECEIVED BRIEFINGS AT EPA ON REMOTE SENSING OF POLLUTANTS, AND ON FUEL IMPROVEMENT AND CATALYSTS; AT ERDA ON ENGINE MODIFICATIONS; AND AT NOAA ON WEATHER SATELLITES. HE EXPLAINED HIS INTERESTS AS FOCUSING ON A "SPECIAL REPORT" WHICH HE MUST GIVE TO THE SCST.

BOTH IZRAEL AND KAZAKOV REPEATEDLY STRESSED NEED FOR CONCRETE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESULTS OVER NEXT YEAR AND WERE WARY OF ANY PROPOSALS (E.G., REVIVED US PROPOSAL FOR NEW PROJECT ON ARCHEOLOGICAL WORK IN BERING STRAITS REGION) WHICH MIGHT APPEAR TO MOSCOW AS SPREADING SOVIET RESOURCES TOO THINLY.

3. BERING STRAITS REGION:

IZRAEL AND KAZAKOV RESPONSE TO TRAIN'S CABLE (REFTEL) SEEKING SOVIET VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF INCREASED COOPERATION IN BERING STRAITS REGION WAS THAT WHILE SOVIETS ARE WILLING TO LISTEN TO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS, THEY LACK SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENTS IN THAT REGION AND DO NOT HAVE THE MONEY AT THIS TIME TO INVEST IN THEM. DURING SURPRISINGLY SUCCESSFUL OCTOBER 20-21 INITIAL MEETING ON BIOSPHERE RESERVES PROJECT, HOWEVER, IZRAEL VOLUNTEERED POSSIBLE PLACEMENT OF SOVIET RESEARCH VESSEL IN BERING SEA TO CONDUCT WITH US SCIENTISTS COMPLEX SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS WITHIN BIOSPHERE RESERVES FRAMEWORK. (WE ARE INTRIGUED WITH THIS OFFER AND WILL PURSUE IT.) WHILE KAZAKOV DENIED ANY SPECIAL SOVIET SENSITIVITY OVER USE OF TERM "BERING STRAITS REGION," HE AND IZRAEL ALWAYS EITHER DELETED IT FROM DRAFT MEMORANDUM OR LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUBSTITUTED TERM "BERING SEA."

4. CALL ON PRESIDENT FORD:

PRESIDENT FORD RECEIVED IZRAEL ACCOMPANIED BY TRAIN, AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, BROWN, AND KAZAKOV FOR HALF-HOUR CONVERSATION ON OCTOBER 31. GENERAL SCOWCROFT WAS ALSO PRESENT. THE PRESIDENT REAFFIRMED HIS SUPPORT FOR US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT AND TOOK NOTE OF CONCRETE RESULTS UNDER SEVERAL PROJECTS. IZRAEL RESPONDED

BY EMPHASIZING SOVIET LEADERSHIP'S COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION BOTH DOMESTICALLY AND SPECIFICALLY FOR THIS AGREEMENT. IN CLOSING, IZRAEL MADE A PLEA FOR APPROVAL OF US EXPORT LICENSE FOR CONTROL DWTA CORPORATION COMPUTER CYBER 7600 FOR MOSCOW WORLD WEATHER WATCH CENTER. PRESIDENT FORD SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS IT WITH TRAIN.

5. EMBASSY PARTICIPATION:

DURING MEETING MANY DELEGATES PRAISED CONTRIBUTIONS OF EMBASSY MOSCOW IN IMPLEMENTING AGREEMENT. SPECIAL MENTION WAS MADE CONCERNING RESPONSIVENESS, ACCURACY, AND LANGUAGE CAPABILITY OF ANN DARBYSHIRE. WE HEARTILY AGREE ON BOTH COUNTS.

6. POST-MEETING TRIP TO FLORIDA:

IN TERMS OF SEEKING RECIPROCAL TREATMENT FROM SOVIET SIDE, EMBASSY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN SUGGESTED THAT HE JOIN ACADEMICIANS IZRAEL AND SOKOLOV ON NOVEMBER 1-2 VISIT TO EVERGLADES ARRANGED BY EPA AND INTERIOR. ANOTHER MEMBER OF IZRAEL'S PARTY (NOVOZHILOV) WAS BUMPED AND AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN ACCEPTED TRANSPORTATION, LODGING, AND ALL MEALS. KISSINGER

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